IN A RAINES TANGLE.

THE EXCISE COMMISSIONERS PERPLEXED

BY THE NEW LIQUOR LAW. Police Commissioner Welles, Superintendent Mc-Kelvey and Jacob Brenner, counsel for the Board of Excise, held a long consultation yesterday morning in Commissioner Welles's office about the Raines law and the trouble it will probably cause in Brooklyn. The new excise measure was carefully studied by the three officials, but the only decision de was that Mr. Brenner should give the bill additional study and report his opinion at a future

Brooklyn's excise officers candidly admit that they are greviously puzzled over the hundred and one etty provisions of the new measure, and they are determined to solve all its mysteries before they try

It is said that Mr. Brenner favors a policy of inction until April 36, but he will have an elaborate opinion ready on Saturday, which will cover all the in doubt. The question of Sunday clospoints now in dount. It is a positive in a side of the most important now under consideration. The Commissioners are uncertainty whether they should insist upon tightly closed doors of saloons on next Sunday, or whether they should allow things to continue as they have in the past. present there is no penalty provided for keeping the shades drawn, but under the Raines bill a penalty is named for failures to keep bars exposed to public view throughout the day. The Commissioners say that they do not know whether they are compelled at present to enforce this provision. Commissioner Welles made this statement yesterday after the

conference: The Law Enforcement Society is pus ahead at once with the enforcement of the nex w, but there are conditions existing which make immediate action impracticable-in fact, hardly pos sible. For instance, there are a number of liquor stores that have their windows and doors so arranged that they obstruct a view from the outside. It will require some extensive alterations in the ises to make the required changes. This cannot be done right away. There are, beside, numerous provisions in the new law that will necessitate great changes in the methods of conducting All these things require time to alter, and the exercise of a little common-sense will be requisite to carry out the law. As soon as I get a definite opinion from Mr. Brenner I shall proceed to enforce the law in every particular. Mr. Brenner says he will probably be able to decide before

Superintendent McKelvey says: "I am going to enforce the law to the letter as soon as I learn when it should begin to operate. I am not sure I should wait until I get a certified copy of the law from Albany or not. Mr. Brenner will. probably decide that to-morrow or Friday. It is a uestion in my mind whether liquor-dealers doing business under old licenses come under the new law ntil they get licenses under that law. I think, myseif, that they should continue to do business under the old system until they get their new licenses. The liquor-dealers say that they intend to test the

visions of the new excise regulations. A saloon-per will apply for a renewal and refuse to take a feel license for thirty days. Then a suit will be ught to compel the Board to issue a license for a

limited license for a brought to compel the Board to issue a license for a full year.

The Board of Excise of Long Island City met last night and received applications for renewals of license from more than 100 saloonkeepers. The Board granted sixteen for one year. Under the provisions of the Raines liquor law, these licenses expire when the law takes effect, and the city will have to return the difference between the expired have to return the demand for the return is made. Long Island City may make a fight.

Mayor Gleason says that he will employ the best counsel to go over the case and will pay them out of his own pocket if need be. He says that he will carry the case through to the Court of Appeals if he does not win before reaching that body. He claims that, if the bill stands, it will rob Long Island City of about \$30,000, which has in the past been devoted to the ald of the poor. Mr. Gleason believes the bill unconstitutional.

TO CONTEST REAR ADMIRAL WALKE'S WILL.

Captain Henry A. Walke, son of the late Rear Admiral Walke, has announced that he intends to contest his father's will on the technical ground of undue influence. Admiral Walke, in his will, said that, inasmuch as he had aided his son Henry during his life, he did not consider it necessary to bequeath anything to him. Captain Walke denies this statement, saying that he never received from his father any ald save a loan of \$200, which he had repaid. Captain Walke claims that in recent years he had not been allowed to meet his father at his home, and had been obliged to meet him elsewhere. The Admiral had been obliged to call at his son's office, in the Water Register's Department, it is said, when he wished to talk with him. Captain for him, he had in December presented to him a book of the family's genealogy inscribed. "From your affectionate father." I saac S. Forster, who will represent the contestant, says that undue influence was used to change the testator's mind, and thus to defraud the son out of his share of the estate. The executors of the will are Dr. Cornellus to defraud the son out of his share of the estate. The executors of the will are Dr. Cornellus to defraud the son out of his share of the estate. The executors of the will are Dr. Cornellus to defraud the son out of his share of the contested company, and the probate proceedings have been embedded. The probate proceedings have been embedded at was not one that a woman should handle. It seems to me that the trouble with handle. It seems to me that the trouble with handle. It seems to me that the trouble with handle. It seems to me that the trouble with handle. It seems to me that the trouble with handle. It seems to me that the trouble with handle. It seems to me that the trouble with handle it work for social purity without first obtaining permission from him.

THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT.

Mrs. Pettengill, the president, said:

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GATHERED ABOUT THE TOWN.

Mrs. George T. Purdy, of No. 504 First Place, and her granddaughter, Matilda, five and a half years old, narrowly escaped serious injury yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from a runaway horse attached to a grocery wagon. They were knocked down and severely bruised, but it is believed they are not seriously injured. The horse had been left unbridled in front of the grocery store at No. 68 Nevins-st., and without warning ran through Nev-ins-st. into Atlantic-ave. at a furious pace. Mrs. of the sidewalk at Nevins-st., and the horse ran into them. The horse was finally captured after running seven or eight blocks down Atlantic-ave.

John Gregg, twenty-two years old, of No. 2,158 Seventh-ave., New-York, was stricken with heart failure in Fulton-st., near the City Hall, yesterday afternoon, falling to the sidewalk. He was removed to the Long Island College Hospital, and his friends

Judge Hurd, of the County Court, yesterday, gave leave to Per August Bergsten to change his name to August Stone. The petitioner, who has been a member of the police force since January 8, was born in Sweden. He lives at No. 530 Atlantic-ave., and he asked to have his name changed because he said that his real name is difficult to remember and

he has always been known as Stone. An operation was performed in St. Peter's Hospi an operation was performed in St. Peter's Hospital a day or two ago on Charles S. Saxton, of Fort Jefferson, Long Island, who some time ago received a slight injury on the end of his first finger. Four previous operations had been ineffective, and in the et one a part of Saxton's arm had to be ampu-

The Scottish-American Musical Society was organ-ized last night at No. 36 Fulton-st. Walter Bruce, who for many years was conductor of the Balmoral who for many years was conductor of the Balliotte.

Choir of Giasgow, was made conductor of the new
organization. The object of the society is the study
of Bootch music, especially part songs. The time of
rehearsal was not decided upon last night.

The art exhibition and reception annually given by the Misses Culbertson and Johnson, at No. 193 St. by the Misses Culbertson and Johnson, at No. 183 St. James Place, opened yesterday afternoon, and will close this evening. In Miss Culbertson's studio are a number of oil and water-colors. Most of the oils are landacapes from New-England. A group of Miss Culbertson's paintings consists of studies of flowers in water-colors. These are among the prettiest paintings shown in the exhibition. Miss Johnson shows a collection of decorated porcelains. The group includes pieces in blue and white, and underglazed work. The studios are prettily decorated with draperies and flowers. orated with drapertes and flowers.

The exhibition of art for schools, in the Art Building, at No. 174 Montague-st., is attracting no small amount of attention from cities in all parts of the country. A letter has been received by those in charge of the exhibition from the Department of the Interior at Washington, requesting a report of the exhibition, which will be included in the next Jovernment volume on Art and Industry. Many inquiries have been received from distant towns and exhibition, and the method of arranging it. The graduates of local schools, it is expected, will show their interest in art work in schools by raising funds for the purchase of pictures and statues to be placed in their school buildings.

The Rev. Dr. Charles Cuthbert Hall, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, has issued a letter on behalf of the Brooklyn committee for the Armenian relief, giving a statement of the receipts to date. asking for further contributions.

on the Grand-st. line may also transfer to the Lord- W. C. T. U. CLOSED TO HIM. IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT.

CONVENTION AND THEN WITHDREW.

HIS OPPOSITION TO THE BILL PREPARED BY THE UNION LED TO A REQUEST THAT HE BE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING-HE

HAD BEEN INVITED TO COME. The Woman's Christian Temperance Union continued its convention yesterday in the Throop Avenue Presbyterian Church, with Mrs. E. F. Pettingill in the chair. The proceedings were opened with short addresses. Mrs. E. L. Wood spoke on "The Loyal Legion"; Mrs. G. T. Berger, "Temperance Literature and the Press"; Mrs. Metta H. Cook, "Temperance and Labor," and Mrs. G. G. Bishop, "Heredity and Non-Alco-holics and Medicine." In the course of Mrs. Mary E. Newton's remarks on "Scientific Temperance Instruction," the provisions of the Ainsworth law, of recent enactment, which places the study of the subject within the public school curiculum, came in for a scoring. Mrs. Pettingill, who is a member of the Board of Education, went to the defence of the measure, and for several

minutes there was an exchange of arguments. Another incident of the morning session was the fault found with the president for giving permission to John Martin, the husband of the Superintendent of the National Union, to fetch Anthony Comstock to the convention. Mrs. Harriet Pritchard, the State Superintendent of the Department on Purity in Literature and Art, entered an objection to the convention allowing Comstock to speak. Mrs. Fritchard told the convention that it was greatly to her sorrow to make public the manner in which Mr. Comstock had condemned the union. Mr. Pritchard went on to tell her more than a year ago she had seen Mr. Comstock, who told her that Mrs. Martin, the National Superintendent, had instructed him to see Mrs. Pritchard and get her to cooperate with him in having a bill passed in the Legislature. "HE WOULDN'T CHANGE A SINGLE WORD."

Mrs. Pritchard told how she urged Mr. Comstock to frame a bill. She said he did it, and that she and others approved of the bill, with the exception of certain phrases, which she ordered to have taken out. Mr. Martin, who showed Mrs. Pritchard the bill, told her that Mr. Com-"wouldn't change a single word in the bill."

Mrs. Pritchard then told how the State Union, through her, framed a bill, which went to the Legislature, and that Comstock's bill was also there, though both had one object in view. Mrs. Pritchard added that, though it was late in the session, her bill passed the Assembly by a vote of 55 to 21. Mrs. Pritchard went on to tell how in the present Legislature Comstock framed another bill, and, because he could not get the indorsement of the union to it, he condemned the union. Mrs. Pritchard added that, in view of Mr. Comstock's utterances, it was not fair to have him address the convention.

All that Mrs. Pritchard told the convention was news. Her action was upheld. It was decided that Mr. Comstock should not be permitted to speak. A telegram was thereupon sent to Mr. Comstock, but he arrived at the convention at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, in the company of Mr. Martin.

COMSTOCK WITHDRAWS.

His appearance was a great surprise to the women who were assembled. Mrs. Lewis, the vice-president, went up to Mr. Comstock and told him of the action of the convention. He and Mr. Martin withfrew from the church.

When the convention was over, Mrs. Pritchard was seen by a Tribune reporter. She was almost crying, and said that, in her opinion, Mr. Comstock was persecuting her.

"I can assure you," she said, "that it was with a feeling of great regret that I told all about Mr. Comstock's attitude to the convention to day. I tried my best to keep it from becoming public. I do not understand his reasons for condemning our union, because we have always been striving for a good cause, and as regards this bill in the Legislature, though we each had a bill, both bills had one object in view, and he should certainly not have condemned us as he throughout, and on the outside there was an addi-

"Your readers are no doubt familiar with the fact that we had a bill for the suppression of vice introduced in the Legislature, and that Mr. Comstock has also had a bill introduced of a somewhat similar character. Mr. Comstock his bill, and has prevented its passing. He thinks his bill covers the ground better than the one advocated by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. He claims that, if the State authorities of the Union would withdraw their measure his bill would have a better chance of to the various presidents of the local unions, to which he could get access, saying that Mrs. Burt, the State president, and Mrs. Pritchard have interfered with the passing of his bill, and

have interfered with the passing of his bill, and calls both of them to task for doing so. Mf. Martin, who is with Mr. Comstock, came to the convention this morning and asked for the privilege of the floor for a few minutes to speak in favor of his measure, and to explain why he wished us to withdraw our bill.

"He suggested that if Mr. Comstock could have the floor for ten minutes they would be grateful. As the presiding officer of the convention I said that if Mr. Comstock would come in the afternoon he could have the floor for ten minutes, and Mr. Martin left. Later I stated in the convention that I had consented to Mr. Comstock's appearing on the floor to discuss the comparative merits of the two bills. Then, on my own responsibility, I sent him a dispatch stating that his circular letter had created such a feeling among the women present that he had better not appear before the convention."

The officers who were elected late in the afternoon were: Mrs. E. F. Pettengill, president; Mrs. V. A. Lewis, vice-president; Mrs. H. A. Pritchard, corresponding secretary; Mrs. M. J. Annable, treasurer, and Miss Croft, assistant treasurer.

A LAWYER ARRESTED.

D. Edgar Anthony, a lawyer with an office in the Germania Building, was arrested by Deputy Sher-Germania Building, was arrested by Deputy Sher-iffs French and Moore yesterday on an attachment issued by Judge Beekman, of New-York Since March 17, when the attachment was turned over to them by the Lawyers' Surety Company, the officers have been searching for Mr. Anthony. On March 17, the lawyer was in Washington trying a criminal case. He returned to Brooklyn on Saturday, but could not be found until yesterday. He day, but could not be found until yesterday. He was taken to New-York, accompanied by his attorney, General Horatio C. King. Anthony was the receiver of the National Mutual Insurance Company. He was removed from the place, and it is said that he falled to turn over to his successor. Charles H. Daniels, a balance of \$56,583.7. The Lawyers' Surety Company was on Anthony's bond in the receivership matter. Anthony's friends say he will be able to clear himself when the case is brought up.

A SENSATION EXPLODED.

The sensational story about the wealth of Dr. Ricord, the eccentric old physician of No. 398 Bridge-st., whose death was announced in yester-day's Tribune, is the work of some wealth creating Public Administrator William B. Davenport said

last evening that it was found that his possessions consisted of a horse and \$20 in money. He was an Englishman and had lived in this country about thirty years. His wife had been dead for about thirty years. His wife had been dead for about thirty years. Dr. Ricord left among a number of cancelled checks an unsigned will, leaving his property to a certain Thomas Williams. The old man had a sign out in front of his house, on which he styled himself "The Female's Friend." His favorite horse and the Newfoundland dog were taken yesterday by agents of the Society for the Prevention of Crueliy to Animals. Neither of the animals appeared to have been poorly fed.

ANTHONY COMSTOCK APPEARED AT THE MANY DELEGATES AT THE PRESBY-TERIAN MISSIONARY CONVENTION.

WHAT THE SOCIETY OF 1,200 WOMEN HAS AC

COMPLISHED - YOUNG PEOPLE'S ENTHUSIASM. There was a large attendance of delegates yes terday morning in the Ross Street Presbyterian Church, between Bedford and Lee aves., when Mrs. George H. Pilsbury, the president of the Presbyterian Society, called to order the twenty-fourth annual convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbytery of Brook lyn. The delegates had begun to gather shortly before 9 o'clock, and at 9:20 o'clock there was a devotional meeting conducted by Mrs. R. B. Taylor, the president of the Auxiliary Society of the Ross Street Presbyterian Church. When this serin prayer, and then Mrs. Ella McKee, the recording secretary, made the announcement The annual report of Miss Helen M. Wells, the corresponding secretary, followed.

officers. The annual report of survey of the corresponding secretary, followed. Among other things, Miss Wells said:

"You would know what has been accomplished by the society with its membership of 1,200 women. Our boundaries have been enlarged by the addition of an auxiliary in the Arlington Avenue Church. Two societies, which for years have been of our number, will not be found in our list today. That in the Siloam Church, which for several years has consisted of a single member, has dispanded. One other society has reported a present necessity for discontinuing its meetings, but we necessity for discontinuing its meetings, but we hope that there may be reorganization before long, at our Presbyterial meetings, which have been held every month, with the exception of July and August, there has been, on the whole, a good attendance, but there are some of our auxiliaries which are never represented. The Sunday-schools are slowly falling into line, and in response to appeals many have contributed this year to our work treasury. A cloud full of blessings to our work thas been increasing in size from year to year. We has been increasing in size from year to year. We have been increasing in size from year to year. We have been increasing in size from year to year. We may people's Society of Christian Endeavor. We may learn from their methods and entusiasm."

There was also an address by Mrs. Geraid F. There was also an address by Mrs. Geraid F. There was also an address by Mrs. Geraid F. There was also an address was by the Rev. Charles Cuthbert Hall.

HIS MOTHER FORGAVE HIM.

John T. Smith, a special policeman, who lives at No. 245 South Second-st., yesterday charged Willlam O'Keefe, nineteen years old, of No. 11 Fillmore Place, with assault. Smith went to the Fillmore Place house one day last week and heard O'Keefe abusing and striking his mother. When Smith re-preached the young man, O'Keefe, it is alleged, proached the young man, O'Keefe, it is sileged, attacked him. When O'Keefe was arraigned for trail yesterday on Smith's charge, the latter told the Justice that O'Keefe treated his mother in a shocking manner. Mrs. O'Keefe was not in court, and Smith told Justice Goetting that she was afraid to appear. O'Keefe was remanded until tomorrow. After the case was disponed of, Mrs. O'Keefe appeared and tearfully oegged for her son's release.

son's release.

"He is my dear, good boy, and it will break his "He is my dear, good boy, and it will break his dear heart to be locked up. Please let him go, that dear, sweet boy," cried Mrs. O'Keefe.

When Justice Goetting declined she cried harder, when Justice Goetting declined she cried harder, and afterward went into the prisoners' pen to see her boy. He scowled at her, but she nevertheless caressed him and advised him to cheer up.

A CHILD'S MISERY.

John Koch, a laborer, and his little daughter Isabella lived in a wretched attle at No. 365 Wytheave, until yesterday, when he was held in \$500 ball, the Lee Avenue Police Court, charged with neglecting the child. The girl's mother died seven years ago, and a year afterward Koch married This woman went away. Koch other children besider Isabelia, a girl of fourteen, who works as a domestic, and a little boy, whom Koch placed in an institution four years ago, and Keen placed in an institution four years ago, and of whom he has lost all trace. Neighbors notified the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Calidren on Monday that the attle had neither light nor ventilation, and that often the girl had nothing to eat for a whole day. Agent Lauer, of the society, was sent Gere, and found the condition of the girl and of the attle even worse than it was desgribed. Lauer took her to the society's office, where all her hair was cut off and her clothing burned. New clothes were given to her When Koch appeared before Justice Goetting yesterday he acted with the utmost unconcern, and said that, in his opinion, the girl was able to take care of herself.

ALL THE LIGHTS WERE BURNING.

A BEAUTIFUL DISPLAY BY THE EDISON COM PANY AT ITS ANNUAL RECEPTION.

The Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Brooklyn gave its annual reception last evening in its station in Pearl-st. Invitations had been sent out to 2,500 persons, and it seemed probable from the crowds in attendance that every invitation had been accepted. The building was brilliantly illuminated tional display. A number of special exhibits of unusual interes

the advantages of the appliances which she was

cept the turning of a crank to set it in motion or stop it, furnished music throughout the evening Two electrical floral exhibits were the prettiest things shown in the building. They consisted of designs of fresh cut flowers, among which were scattered miniature incandescent lights of all colors. A centreplece thus formed was placed in the president's room, where it attracted much attention.

An interesting display was that which showed the effect of the same quantity of light upon different colors. A number of samples of wallpaper were used for the experiment, and the process employed was intended to show to housekeepers the colors in house decoration which will show to the best advantage under various lights. In the basement of the building there was on exhibition a model of the tubing which the Edison Company employs in furnishing current for lighting or power in its underground systems. The model showed how all connections are made for house equipment and various other purposes. In addition to the special exhibits, the entire station was thrown open, including the immense power-room, where the big engines which furnish illuminating power for a large part of the city were carefully investigated by the curious crowd.

The officers of the Edison Company and their em-

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The following were the specially invited guests, the majority of whom were present:

Mayor W. F. Wurster and Mrs. Wurster. Thomas A. Edison, Corporation Counsel Joseph A. Burr and Mrs. Burr. City Works Commissioner Theodors B. Willis and Mrs. Willis, City Auditor John R. Sutten, Fire Commissioner William C. Bryant, Park Commissioner Timothy L. Woodruff, Controller George W. Palmer, Police Commissioner Leonard R. Welles, Tax Collector R. Ross Appleton, Building Commissioner Wesley C. Bush, Joseph R. Clark, Adam H. Leich, Spencer Trask, R. R. Bowker, D. O. Mills, George Foster Peabody, Lleutenant-Commander C. A. Adams, United States Navy, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Babbott, E. Le Grand deers, J. D. Fairchild, C. N. Hoagiand, Mr. and Mrs. Darwin R. James, J. G. Jenkins, Martin Joost, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Packard, Mr. and Mrs. Lowel M. Falmer, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Southard, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Hinds, J. S. T. Stranahan, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Meserole, Andrew J. Sullivan, Brigadier-General James McLeer, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick B. Pratt, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Drefer, Truman J. Backus, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Bellamy, David H. Cochran, William Hester, Professor Franklin W. Hooper, Professor W. C. Peckham, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick B. Schenck, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hentz, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hoagiand, Mr. and Mrs. John Gibb, Edward M. Shepard, Mr. and Mrs. Benry Hentz, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Dutcher, D. W. Mc. Williams, Howard McWilliams, Mr. and Mrs. Shon Gibb, Edward M. Shepard, Mr. and Mrs. David A. Boody, Professor George W. Plympton, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Ogilver, John E. Searles, Mr. and Mrs. David A. Boody, Professor George W. Piympton, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Ogilver, John E. Searles, Mr. and Mrs. David A. Boody, Professor George W. Hunder, Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Haigh, Murat Haisted, Mr. and Mrs. Benry, Mr. and Mrs. Honse, Mr. and Mrs.

Trenton, March 15 -To-morrow noon is now the hour fixed for navi adjournment. The Senate is responsible in the delay. All the legislation needed by the people could have been disposed of to-day.

The bill abolishing "wooden" judges has been approved by the Governor. Under it, the lay judges in every county of the State will step out of office on the last day of this month. With their usual fatuity, the Democrats propose making this campaign issue.

Representatives of the labor organizations here are not pleased with the appointment of Senator John C. Ward as Factory Inspector. Senator Ward represents an agricultural district, and is a farmer himself.

Governor Griggs has signed the Track Elevation bill, thus making it a law.

Among Republicans anxious for continued supremacy of their party there is regret that Skinner's anti-trust bill has been obstructed in

Ex-Assemblyman Storrs and Alderman Riker, of Orange, have buried the hatchet after a few years of bitter political warfare. Mr. Riker and his brother tried to prevent the establishment of a district court in Orange, because it was understood that Mr. Storrs should be the judge. Finding his efforts unavailing, Alderman Riker gracefully surrendered, and recommended the appointment of Mr. Storrs. Despite that Mr. Riker's brothers were here to-day trying to persuade the Senators no; to confirm Mr. Storrs.

The passage by the Senate of the Judiclary Constitutional amendment, as prepared by Collins and Corbin, is a notable personal triumph for Senator Voorhees. The other amendment was urged by such lawyers as Thomas M. Mc-Carter, Samuel H. Grey and J. Frank Fort. A week ago Senator Voorhees stood almost alone in the Senate on this matter, but he maintained his position with great persistence. Not until to-day did he succeed in winning over a maority of the Senators to his way of thinking. Without Voorhees the amendment finally adopted would have had no chance whatever. Almost every layman who has taken any interest in the subject has favored the amendment approved by the Senate.

BY A MAJORITY OF THREE.

REPUBLICAN MAYOR OF EGG HARROR CITY AFTER AN EXCITING ELECTION-DEMOCRATS TO CONTEST.

Egg Harbor, March 25 (Special).-The city election was held here yesterday, and great excitement prevailed. There were twelve tickets in the field and orteen candidates for the City Council. The count was not completed until an early hour this morning. William Mischlich, Republican, was elected or over J. Huettinger, Democrat, by a majority of 3, but there were three tickets headed by Huer inger that were rejected because of pencil marks The Democrats will make a contest on the ground that the result was a tie. Frederick Morgenweck and Leon Kowalski, Democrats, and August Arnould, Republican, were elected to the Council. Robert Ohmnelss, a Democrat, was elected by a landsome majority as City Treasurer. ted were: School Superintendent, John Schuster, School Trustee, Herman Dietz; Justice Peace, George F. Breder, Commissioners of Appeal, J. Krasmer, Joseph Fecker and William Behns, Overseer of the Poor, August Bocker, Harbor Mas-ter, Joseph T. Loveland, Hundreds thronged the polls all night, eagerly watching the counting of the votes.

TRIBUTE TO A COLLEGE BERO.

A TABLET PLACED UNDER THE PORTRAIT OF

FREDERICK BROKAW AT PRINCETON. Frederick Brokaw, the great catcher on the championship baseball team of 1891, has been commemorated by placing a tablet under his portrait which hangs in the Trophy Room of the Osborn Clubhouse, at the University Athletic Field. This tablet was presented by Professor Henry F. Osborn, W. now of Columbia University. It bears an inscription orateing Brokaw's act of heroism in attempting to save a drowning girl in the surf at Elberon, in the summer of 1891, when Brokaw himself was drowned.

A NEGRO IN HER BED.

HE WAS DRUNK AND COULD NOT TELL HOW HE COT THERE.

Heidmann, at No. 22 Montgomery-st., Jersey City.
Mrs. Heldmann, her daughter and Miss Fitzpatrick
attended a social gathering or Tuesday night. They
arrived home about 2 o'clock yesterday morning.
Miss Fitzpatrick went to her room and discovered
that her bed was occupled. She ran from the room
and screamed. The alarmed occupants of the house
assembled in the hall, and when they learned the
cause of Miss Fitzpatrick's fright they retired to a
room and locked the door, while Heldmann went out
to find a policeman. He met Sergeant Honkins,
who hurried to the house and found the intruder was
a negro who was in a drunken stupor. After working for half an hour the unwelcome lodger was
partly aroused and carried to the police station. He
said he was Edward Degruder, a Fullman palace
car porter, twenty-three years old, whose home
was at No. 334/5 Seventh-st. He could not recollect
having entered the house, and Justice Pol?s imposed a fine of \$10. Heidmann, at No. 92 Montgomery-st., Jersey City.

TRICKS WERE PLAYED ON HIM.

A HOBOKEN MAN'S ANSWER TO HIS WIFE'S SUIT

Ernest Wulff, who owned four houses which were burned in the recent Adams-st. fire in Hobeken, is being sued in the Court of Chancery by his wife for divorce on the grounds of cruelty. Mrs. Wulff was a well-to-do widow with two children before she married him in 1887. Mr. Wulff alleges that he lived happily with his wife until a Mrs. Siefert came be-tween them and made his life miserable. He insists half of his real estate to his wife, and on his failing to do so Mrs. Wulff was prevailed upon to visit a fortune-teller to ascertain the best way of compelling her husband to change his mind. After that visit, Wulff asserts, somebody worried him in recullar ways. One day he found in his trousers' leg a package of hurned hones wrapped in a accet of apper, adorned with a skult and crossbones. He asked his wife if he had any reasons to suspect her of playing a joke on him, and he says that she assured him that he had none. Wulff denies the woman's charges of cruelty and will contest the suit.

BICYCLE SHOW IN JERSEY CITY.

held to-morrow and Saturday in the building of the Y. M. C. A. Secretary Pawley, of the association, who arranged the exhibition, declares that it will be a success, as twenty-five firms will send wheels and other exhibits. The profits derived from the ex-hibition will be used in reducing the floating debt of the association.

A "BOOM" FOR FLEMINGTON.

Flemington, March 25 (Special).-Nearly all the business men of Flemington met in the courthouse last evening, and decided that a greater Flemington was necessary. To back up their sentiments, a large amount of money was subscribed, which will be used for the expenses of inducing manufacturers to come here. A committee recently appointed, John B. Hopewell, Alexander B. Allen, Dennis S. Hall, Lambert Humphrey and John F. Schenck, reported favorable negotiations with a South Jersey shirt factory. Necessary funds were raised and work on the building will begin in a few days. Two other similar enterpriser, want to locate here. The citizens have just begun the "boom" and have met with marked success.

DEATH OF JOHN KENNAN.

Montclair, March 25 (Special) .- John Kennan, nine the Siberian traveller, died to-day at the home of the Rev. Thomas Kennan, and was born in Water-bury, Vt., in 1903. In 1925 he graduated with high honors from Hamilton College. In 1828 he went to Ohio, and was one of the first settlers of that State. A widow and five grown children survive him.

THE NEWARK CONFERENCE.

MUCH EXECUTIVE WORK CONFRONTS THE METHODIST PASTORS.

BISHOP FOSS PRESIDES AND MAKES A STIRRING SPEECH DEFENDING THE CHURCH AS THE SAVIOUR OF THE MASSES.

The thirty-ninth annual session of the Newark Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church be-gan yesterday in St. Paul's Church, Newark. The conference was called to order by Bishop Cyrus D. Foss, who will preside throughout. One hundred and seventy-five ministers of the 225 who are memhers of the Conference answered to the opening rollcall. This is the largest number ever recorded as present at the beginning of the first session, and the trolley-cars for hours afterward continued to bring belated members. The large attendance was due to the fact that the Conference this year has to consider and take action upon several questions of great interest to the Church. These include the

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delegates will also probably come up at that time, and the delegates may be elected with a view to their opinions on the subject of extending the time

The "statistical" session was held in the afternoon Each pastor, as his name is called at this session hands in the money contributed to the Conference by his church. He also furnishes the statistics of his church relating to membership, baptism, Sundayschools, church property and collections for benevo-

lent purposes. The Conference Life Insurance Association, a mutual society on the assessment plan, in which membership is optional, also met in the afternoon. A larger number of deaths than in any previous year, except 1892, were reported.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following standing committees for 1896 were

announced:

Missions—Henry Spelimeyer, J. A. Owen, A. B.
Richardson and John Crawtord.

Church Extension—D. R. Lowrie, L. C. Muller, J.
G. Johnston and R. K. Boyd.
Sunday-Schools—H. M. Simpson, C. M. Anderson,
G. P. Eckman and William M. Johnston.
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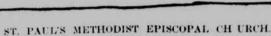
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duct toward a young woman who was a member of his congregation. The exact nature of the charges, which are now in the hands of the Bishop, is not nown. A general desire was expressed yesterday to prevent a sensational trial of the case, as Mr. Decker has done much good work, and it is not befleved that the accusations are of an extremely serious nature. The accused man's father, the Rev S. D. Decker, of Deckertown, has been a member of the Conference for twenty-five years. The charges will probably be brought up for disposal to-day. I they are sustained the offending man may be "lo which means that his name will be taken signed to a charge, or he may retire under charges and thus avoid an unpleasant ordeal

Among the members of the Conference present erday were the pastors of all the leading The Conference boundaries also include Staten Island, a part of New-York State on the eastern shore of the Hudson, and also small parts of Pike and Monroe counties in Pennsylvania bordering on the Delaware River. The question of reducing the Conference limits to make them o lines will probably be taken up on Friday.

THE GROWTH OF METHODISM.

The hymn, "O, For a Thousan's Tongues to Sing," was announced by Rishop Foss immediately

after the session opened yesterday, and it was sung-with true Methodist vigor. The Lord's Supper was administered by the Bishop, assisted by the four presiding elders, Dr. S. P. Hammond, Dr. C. S. Ryman, Dr. J. B. Faulks and Dr. Henry R. Baker, who is the pastor of St. Paul's Church, in which the meetings are held. The Bishop made a short address on "The Relation Our Church Has Sus-'Methodism," he said, "has modified all creeds of

Christianity, if not in the letter, at least in men's ways of thinking. It has modified extensively the



THE REV. DR. HENRY BAKER.

old offensive Calvinism and has gathered in its fold more members in this country than any other Protestant Church. The Methodist body has five Protestant Church. The Methodist body has five and a quarter millions of communicants, more even than the Roman Catholic Church, and represents a constituency of at least fifteen million people. This great momentum of numbers brings great responsi-bility." The Bishop showed that in many cities the Methodist churches had increased in membership faster than the growth of population. He con-

tinued:
The Church is better adapted to get at and save the masses of men. This is so well understood that it is sometimes thrown at us as a taunt. We glory in the taunt. The church that gets at the masses to-day is the church of to-morrow. It will have the men, and money, too. The burning question is to be how to mediate between masses of souls and masses of wealth. Who can do it? If we cannot, I do not know who can. Among the mining and manufacturing masses of Pennsylvania Methodism has 240,000 communicants.

OFFICERS OF LONG STANDING.

The Conference organized by electing the following officers: Secretary, J. F. Dodd; assistant secretary, Charles W. McCormick; statistical secretary, John A. Gutteridge; engrossing secretary, John I. Morrow; tressurer, A. M. Palmer; assistant statistical secretaries, E. N. Crasto, S. K. Doolittle, W. C. Timbill and S. B. D. Prickett. Mr. Palmer has held the office of treasurer for thirty-four years; Mr. Morrow has been engrossing se retary thirty-eight years and Mr. Gutteridge has been statistical secretary twenty

While the organization was being effected the Rev. Dr. Louis R. Dunn, of East Orange, took the floor and moved that a special committee be appointed by the Bishop to take action on Armenia—"Armenia that stands with outstretched hands, appealing to us," he said. There was a ripple of applause. The motion was carried and the following committee was appointed: Dr. Dunn, A. H. Tuttle and Henry Spellmeyer.
The following transfers to the Newark Conference

were announced: C. H. Van Glahn, from California; George C. Wells, from Puget Sound; John H. Howard, from Wilmington, and John H. Fraser, from North Nebraska.

The election of delegates to the General Conference, to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, in May, was made the order of the day for Friday morning at 10 o'clock. The "time limit" and the question of woman

Sabbath Observance—J. H. Robertson, J. B. Taylor, E. Meachem and F. S. Cookman. Epworth League—E. N. Crasto, C. X. Hutchinson, W. H. Morgan and C. W. McCormick.

To Nominate Standing Committees for 1897—E. V. King, E. S. Jamison, W. B. Wigg and W. S. Robinson, W. Wigg and W. S. Robinson, W. W. Wigg and W. S. Robinson, W. W. Wigg and W. W.

Son. Conference Qualifications—C. R. Barnes, E. W. Burr, Henry Spellmeyer, R. B. Collins, E. Clement, J. I. Boswell, George W. Smith, D. B. F. Randolph, S. Parsons and J. A. Cole.

AID FOR BROKEN-DOWN PREACHERS. The anniversary of the Centenary Fund and the ing. William H. Murphy, of Newark, presided the meeting and an address was made by the Rev. Dr. G. W. Miller, of New-York. He said in part:

This itinerant ministry is simply the grandest

This itinerant ministry is simply the granders thing of the century. That grand architect of American Methodism. Francis Asbury, who in the mids: of apostolic journeyings and labors superintended the organization and growth of our Church in this country, taught the early Methodist preachers how to stretch the transepts of their churches east and west from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and to extend their naves and choirs and chancels north and south from the St. Lawrence to the Gulf—that there might rise in one chorus from every aisle of this Nation's wast and growing cathedral the song and south from the St. Lawrence to the Gulf—that there might rise in one chorus from every asise of this Nation's vast and growing cathedral the song of a common salvation. Nothing made them pause—no hardships, no privations, no difficulties. The litherant ministry was and is an organized "go." The miracle is that such men, the servants of their race, the benefactors of their country, yet never rated at their true worth, so seidom deserted the ranks that promised only poverty and uncertain praise. It was akin to apostolic evangelization. When the future historian shall write of the makers of America he will pur the itinerant Methodist preacher in the front rank.

But there was also an unnoticed power behind the active preacher in the field—to borrow a political phrase of the day, "a power behind the throne which is greater than the throne itself"—the noble wives of the preachers.

There can be no higher claim, no more sacred right than that of those men and women to a comfortable support in the time of broken health and old age, and in no way can the Church better manifest its benevolence than by meeting with immediate and large liberality this claim.

What we want for this fund is not so much magnificent bequests, giving away that which one can no longer keep and use himself. We want magnificent donations. What Christian man or woman will be the first to say to our Preachers' Aid Society I will give ten, or twenty or fifty thousand dollars for the better support of our Conference veterans?

MAN AND GOODS DISAPPEAR.

NEWARK MERCHANTS HAVE AN UNPLEASANT EXPERIENCE WITH A SHARPER IN

A clever swindler has mulcted George W. William son, of Belleville, and several Newark wholesalt grocers out of neat sums within the last month. About five weeks ago Williard Brown rented from Hugh Diamond the large store at William and Washington sts., Belleville. Brown seemed to have plinty of credit, for he soon stocked the store with fine canned goods and all kinds of delicacles, and get Williamson to put in an expensive heating appa-

When Diamond called to collect his rent yesterday morning he was surprised to find the door of the store locked. He waited awhile and then got Constable Deighen to break it in without ceremony. Once inside, he found that the expensive heater and pipes had been sold to an Orange merchant, who removed them on Tuesday, and the delicacies had mysteriously disappeared and Brown had apparently gone with them. Newark merchanis lose about 11.50.

JERSEY CITY'S BIG REGISTRATION.

The registration in Jersey City, for the municipal election to be held on April 14, has been completed. The returns received yesterday at Police Head-quarters give a total of 34,039. This is an increase of 2,630 over the registration of last fall. The gain is partly owing to the fact that last fall many names were dropped in consequence of the law requiring a personal registration then in effect for the first time. The registration then in effect for preceding spring election.

SECTION MEN'S NARROW ESCAPE.

Hammonton, March 25.—Four section men on the New-Jersey Southern Railroad started to cross the long bridge between Elm and Parkdale, this morning, and before they were aware a fast approaching train was almost upon them. The men stopped their car and put back immediately. Just as the last man left the car at the end of the bridge, their car was demolished and tools were scattered in every direction.

RECTOR ACCUSED OF DRUNKENNESS.

Mattawan, March 25 (Special).—The Rev. W. H. Bean, who has been rector of St. Mary's Episcopal Church at Keyport for two years, was examined on Monday by a committee composed of the Rev. Messrs. Miller, of Asbury Park; Wright, of Free-hold, and Pierce, of South Amboy. The committee was appointed by Elshop Scarborough to hear charges of intoxication which have been preferred against Mr. Bean. The findings of the committee have been handed to the Bishop, but he has not made his decision public yet.

A CONSCIENCE-STRICKEN THIEF.

Lambertville, March 25 (Special) .-- At a fair given by the Liberty Band, of this city, several weeks ago there were taken from one of the tables one dose silver dishes. Yesterday the leader of the band was surprised by receiving by mail the dishes from a conscience-stricken thief.